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Final

Active Transportation and Sustainability Advisory Committee

Thursday, May 11, 2023 | **5:30 PM** | **Sir Robert Barrie Room**

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
For consideration by the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee on June 22, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Councillor, A.M. Kungl at 5:32 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 10 - Councillor A.M. Kungl
J. Bourne
N. Flinn
L. Hoffarth
K. MacLeod - SMDHU
D. McKeown - Nature Barrie
J. Northcote
S. Schwartz - Living Green
W. Steimle
D. Waters

Absent: 2 - Councillor B. Hamilton
E. vanWesenbeeck

STAFF:
Legislative Coordinator, T. Maynard
Manager of Parks and Forestry, K. Rankin
Senior Project Manager - Transportation, B. Gratrix.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION"A"

PRESENTATION CONCERNING FIREBIRD COMMUNITY CYCLE

Nicholas Flinn declared a potential pecuniary interest on the foregoing matter as he is a volunteer member of the Firebird Community Cycle. He did not participate or vote on the matter. He remained in the Sir Robert Barrie Room.

Geri Poisson provided a presentation concerning the Firebird Community Cycle.

Mr. Poisson discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The mission statement of Firebird Community Cycle;
- The goals of Firebird Community Cycle as follows:
    - Active Transportation;
    - Education;
    - Provide skills and training;
    - Sustainability; and
    - Community.
- The achievements of the organization;
- An illustration depicting the current location of the organization;
- A summary of the current operational challenges;
- The current activities of the organization;
- An overview of the Barrie Landfill Bike Diversion program;
- The proposal and request of the Firebird Community Cycle;
- The Community Bike Shops from the following municipalities:
    - City of Peterborough;
    - City of Brampton;
    - City of London; and
    - City of Guelph.
- A summary of the organization.

Members of Committee asked a number of questions of Mr. Poisson and Brett Gratrix, Senior Manager of Transportation and received responses.

Mr. Gratrix suggested that Firebird Community Cycle could potentially look for support from private property owners for a viable location for their organization.

The Committee discussed the City of Barrie formalizing the Landfill Bike Diversion Pilot Program with Firebird Community Cycle, assisting the organization to seek grant funding opportunities and/or partnerships for a permanent location and the potential of creating a grant fund to support community-based cycling groups to advance active transportation.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Advisory Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s):

SECTION "B"

LANDFILL BIKE DIVERSION PILOT PROGRAM

That the Landfill Bike Diversion Pilot Program be formalized, and that Firebird Community Cycle be the recipients of the donations.

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This matter was recommended (Section "B") to Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/22/2023.

FIREBIRD COMMUNITY CYCLE

That staff in the Development Services Department meet with Firebird Community Cycle to seek grant funding opportunities and/or partnership opportunities in support of viable locations for a permanent space and report back to the Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee.

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This matter was recommended (Section "B") to Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/22/2023.

CREATING A GRANT TO SUPPORT COMMUNITY BASED CYCLING GROUPS TO ADVANCE THE CITY'S CYCLING OBJECTIVES

That staff in the Development Services Department investigate the creation of a grant to support community-based cycling groups to advance the City's cycling objectives through education, outreach and supporting residents access to bicycles and report back to Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee.

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This matter was recommended (Section "B") to Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/22/2023.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Councillor, A.M. Kungl provided an update concerning the terms of reference and the Committee provided no feedback.

2023 WORK PLAN

The Committee provided suggestions related to its Work Plan such as continuing with Bike the Night. Steve Schwartz advised that Living Green has submitted an application for the 2023 Recreation and Sport Community Grant, and is interested in hosting the Bike the Night Event. The Committee discussed the potential of partnering with Living Green for this event.

REQUEST FROM MAPLE LEAFS FOREVER FOUNDATION

Kevin Rankin, Manager of Parks and Forestry provided an overview of the Maple Leafs Forever Foundation that supports the planting of Native Canadian Maple Trees. He discussed the City's policies related to trees in the municipality.

The Committee provided its feedback to Mr. Rankin and indicated its support of the planting of Canadian native maple trees in the municipality.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Advisory Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation:

SECTION "D"

MAPLE LEAFS FOREVER

The City of Barrie recognizes the importance of the native maple tree, our arboreal emblem and we commit to favour planting native maples whenever a maple tree is called for in any municipal planting project.

This matter was recommended (Section "D") to Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 6/22/2023.

The Active Transportation and Sustainability Advisory Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "E"

BIRD FRIENDLY CITY AND UPCOMING EVENTS

Dorothy McKeown advised that Saturday May 13, 2023 is “World Migratory Day”.

Ms. McKeown acknowledged that representatives of Nature Barrie presented a certificate to Mayor Nuttall on May 10, 2023 designating the City of Barrie as a Bird Friendly City. She advised that the City of Barrie is the 15th municipality in Canada to earn the designation and has worked in collaboration with Nature Barrie and Nature Canada.

SUSTAINABILITY

The Committee received a website link to the Province of Ontario’s media release concerning Ontario expanding the Clean Home Heating Initiative to Barrie.

<https://news.ontario.ca/en/release/1002999/ontario-expanding-clean-home-heating-initiative-to-barrie>

Councillor, A.M. Kungl provided an update concerning the Communities in Bloom program.

PRIVATE TREE BY-LAW

This item has been deferred to the next meeting

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION

The update on Bike Lane Implementation has been deferred to the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

CHAIRMAN